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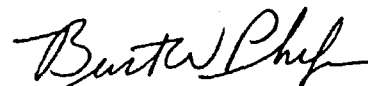
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a Microsoft supporter, it is essential that I show my support for the settlement but also for the company's return to developing new products. Microsoft has done a lot for the technology industry and is responsible for leading the way in software development. They should not be chastised for coming up with the most innovative ideas and the best products. In this light, Microsoft is the embodiment of the American dream to achieve success. We should embrace this accomplishment instead of discouraging it. This celebration of success can begin with the end of the Microsoft Antitrust case.

Three years have passed since the beginning of this case and it has taken the Department of Justice and Microsoft too long to reconcile differences. I am confident that the terms of the settlement are a result of careful analysis that will best serve the interest of all entities involved. First, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against those that directly compete with Microsoft as well as those who support those competitors. In addition, Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers the right to remove consumer access to features of Windows and instead replace those features with access to non-Microsoft software programs. Furthermore, Microsoft has agreed not to enter into any agreements that will obligate any third-party to exclusively endorse any Windows technology.

As you can see, the Department of Justice has taken extreme care to resolve this case to the best of its ability. The terms involved are reasonable and fair in the eyes of the public, the State, the IT industry as well as the economy. Clearly, the best course of action to take is to end the settlement.

Sincerely,



President

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